Letters to the Editor

Only a Branch

You seem to be under a misapprehension regarding demands for a local library in Oak Bay.

What the Oak Bay Board of Trade and many prominent residents desire is a branch library operated under the auspices of the Victoria Public Library. They think the promise of such a branch should be a pre-requisite to any long-term agreement with Victoria.

There is nothing out of the ordinary in this demand. Vancouver Central Library maintains branch libraries in Collingwood, Hastings, Dunbar, South Hill, Kitsilano, Kerrisdale, Mobile and West Vancouver and, as a result, the per capita reading is much greater, and the cost per book borrowed much less than we in Oak Bay pay to Victoria.

HARRY GREGSON.

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Don't Blame CPR

I suggest a different approach to the ferry problem.

During my working years the cash I saved was invested in good Canadian stocks, including CPR. Recently the union upped the wages of employees of this and other companies, thus reducing the small profits available to shareholders, and recently the provincial government placed an order for ships to compete with the CPR, which will further interfere with dividends.

The traveling public should look to the cause of this disturbed ferry service in place of blaming the CPR.

G. CRECHTON.

Duncan, B.C.

Air Full of It

With all these new inventions scientists are experimenting with an element is found called "stronium" which is causing great concern. The air is full of it and comes down with precipitation and hence into the soils.

Manitoba has found out recently that it is very bad in their powdered milk, so instead of using their own milk, is importing it from Ontario which contains less of this deadly stronium.

It would be interesting to know just how much of this element or chemical is found in our vegetables, fruit, milk, as well as the powdered milk which is manufactured in B.C.

OLIVES DETLOR WILSON.

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Easily Ignored

There has been little publicity regarding Canada's inhumane handling of slaughter of food animals. Consequently it has been easy either to ignore the matter or to lull our consciences by arguing that proper authorities will ensure humane treatment.

Mr. Mortimore's factual article is a challenge to all Canadians which must be met if we, a nation of meat-eaters, are to regain our self respect.

If our members of parliament received an overwhelming demand for reform from their constituents they would surely act with greater determination.

(MISS) E. K. RILEY.

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They Cannot Speak

It was gratifying to find that Mr. G. E. Mortimore had devoted a column to the cause of the present campaign to abolish unnecessary, obsolete, and brutal methods of slaughtering food animals prevalent in Canadian abbatoirs. The SPCA across Canada is making a supreme effort to urge federal legislation to this end. Everybody should support the SPCA in all its works. And I mean everybody, if only to the extent of the small annual subscription of $2.

I recall how in the past on my father's ranch it was considered among all farmers that terror and rough handling could possibly affect the flesh of food animals. And I also recall a suggestion that damaged meat might be contributary to the dread disease of cancer.

The local branch of SPCA is distributing pamphlets illustrating need for action, and asking us all to write to the prime minister and member asking for required legislation to end inhumanity to those who cannot speak for themselves.

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American Bases

In your Feb. 14 issue Mr. Leroy Pope (United Press Int.) states that U.S. experts say that Canada has an abligation to NATO to supply Avro Arrows to our squadrons over seas. Why should Canada be over there in the first place. We have only 16,000,000 population to protect a country about twice the size of the U.S.A. I think we should bring our boys home and be ready to defend our own country.

Maybe you and a lot more have forgot a lot of graves in France, Belgium and Holland that the Germans put there. If we look after our own country we could let the Americans look after NATO. Also we would not need them here. We could stay neutral like the Yanks did in the last two wars. They only want bases in Canada for their own protection. If we let them we will be in a war whether we want it or not.

If we were attacked we would fight. But let us stay out as long as we can. If Russia and Uncle Sam want to fight let them go to it. What have we got to win, only our freedom which we are losing every time we let the Yanks put more bases in Canada.

C. W. BAKER.

Milnes Landing, B.C.

Committed to $10,642 Donation

St. John's Church Sets Greater Goal

St. John's Anglican Church met its donation of $8,442 for the diocesan synod during 1958 and has committed itself to $10,642 this year, it was re-vestry meeting.

A contribution of $1,800 was also made to the Anglican Theological College.

In his address, Canon George Biddle made special mention of the progress made during the year by young people's organizations and said a deaconess and curate are being sought to work with them.

The choir, directed by Frederick Chubb, and other church groups also received thanks from the rector. proposal that every member be visited under the sector plan.

Unanimously elected people's warden was J. Everett Brown. F. G. Mulliner will continue as warden emeritus.

Douglas A. M. Patterson was appointed minister's warden. Executive members re-elected were C. G. Forryman, treasurer, S. C. Hawkins, vestry clerk, and Cyril Baines, auditor.

Church committee is Cyril Chapman, Austin Curtis, J. G. Duck, T. B. T. Hewett, W. J. Kitley, H. Marshall, F. C. Pollard, F. Slaney, C. J. Rankin and C. C. Wyatt.

Synod delegates are Cmdr. C. Allen, J. E. Brown, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Hewett, Mr. Mulliner and Mr. Patterson. Alternates are Maj. M. Kirkpatrick Crockett, Dr. R. Spicer, E. Bosward, A. V. Price and E. O. Teal.

Missionary committee includes Rev. C. W. Downer and Rev. T. W. Scott. Ruri-decanal conference delegates are Albert Reid and Dr. Spicer.

Speed Limit 'Unrealistic'

The British Columbia government is being urged by the B.C. Automobile Association to increase highway speed limits to 60 miles an hour for automobiles and 50 miles an hour for trucks.

Harry Duker, BCAA highways committee chairman, said that the present speed limit of 50 miles an hour "is unrealistic and on many sections of our highways the motorists do not maintain it." He also claimed that "an unrealistic speed limit encourages motorists to flout the law."

Reds 'Pervert' Trade As Cold War Weapon

OTTAWA — (UPI) — The Soviet Union has "perverted" commerce for the first time in history in its attempt to win the East-West struggle for world supremacy, United States Secretary of Commerce Lewis Strauss charged yesterday.

Western nations, adhering to the principle of legitimate profit as their business incentive, now face competition from "a monolithic exporter—a government which employs the labor of slaves and cares not a whit for profit," Strauss said.

"It is an insidious kind of warfare because it is less dramatic than a shooting war but it can be just as lethal," he added.

To destroy existing western markets or penetrate the underdeveloped nations of the world, the U.S. secretary of commerce said, the USSR was willing even to dump goods it needed at home. To meet this new weapon, he said, the West needs effective counter measures.

Strauss spoke to a one-day Canadian - American business conference sponsored by the Chambers of Commerce of the two nations.

Posy for Big Occasion

Pinning a posy on the primary patroness of Langford's 50-and-Up Club is president Adam Glover. Mrs. Gilbert Cade donated $1,500 in 1954 to start a drive which ended yesterday when the club's own hall was opened on Sunderland Road. The clubroom was officially named the Gilbert Cade Memorial Hall in a short ceremony.—(Colonist photo)

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New Hall Opened

Five years of hard work bore fruit yesterday afternoon when members of Langford's 50-and-Up Club opened their new hall on Sunderland Road.

The hall was named the Gilbert Cade Memorial Hall. Unveiling of a plaque with the name was done by Mrs. Gilbert Cade, who started the project in 1954 with a donation of $1,500.

Some 90 members of the club and friends attended a luncheon in the converted army hut. Club members converted the hut themselves.

Almost all the furnishings necessary were donated by Langford residents — cupboards, a piano, an electric range, chairs, dishes, cutlery, an oil heater and paint.

Tradesmen donated their time for the installation of electric wiring, plumbing and the building of a chimney.

Phone Books Repeating Art

The B.C. and Northwest Telephone companies will again use an oil painting on the covers of their directories.

This year's painting of a cattle drive at the Gang Ranch in the Cariboo is by Peter Ewart, a well-known Canadian artist. Mr. Ewart, who was raised in Saskatchewan and Montreal, first came to B.C. with the RCAF during the last war. After his discharge, he returned to make his home here and now lives in Langley.

Date of delivery for new Victoria area directories has not been announced.

CHARITABLE ORDER

The Order of the Grey Nuns, or Sisters of Charity, was founded in Montreal in 1753 to care for the destitute.

Seven Years of Psychodynamics

Murder Stops Science

MELBOURNE (Reuters) — Dr. Annie Yoffa, 68, living alone in a tent for the last seven years and eating raw eggs and raisins in a scientific study, was found battered to death Wednesday. A 25-year-old laborer caught by a passerby was charged with murder. Dr. Yoffa's object was to delve into the study of psychodynamics, the science of influencing material things by power of thought.

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